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Appl. No. 10/816,879
Reply to Final Office Action of September 7, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant hereby requests that the Office reconsider the present Application under 35 U.S.C. § 101.16. This Response amends claims 1, 4 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer, and adds new claims 11-18. After entry of the above claim amendments, claims 1-18 are independent and 15 dependent claims are pending, and no new matter is presented by this Response.

This Response amends each of the three independent claims to incorporate suggestions provided by Examiner Shanker during the telephone interview of November 3, 2005, and believes that the present claims are now allowable. In the present Application is not allowed, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments to the claims be entered for purposes of Appeal.

Applicant traverses each of the rejections contained in the Final Office Action for several reasons. Most importantly, as in a combination of the three cited references would fail to anticipate the presently claimed inventions. In particular, no single reference (nor any combination of references) would anticipate at least the element of combining said separate processes to determine an occurrence of a single gesture resulting from the simultaneous pressure of the at least two user input devices as effectively recited in each of the independent claims. Further, the legal bases for the Section 103 rejections presented in the Final Office Action are flawed because the references, particularly the Muller reference but also Tardif et al. and Dutton are not from analogous technological fields, and in that adequate suggestions/motivations for the Section 103 combinations are not provided on the record. A detailed analysis of these arguments need not be presented here, but will be presented upon Appeal if necessary.

In view of the above remarks, each of the pending claims are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant's counsel may be reached at (480) 385-5050 or ingrassia@ilaw.com.

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Although no additional fees or extensions of time are believed to be required for entry
of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized and requested to provide any extension
and/or to debit any fees that may be required to avoid abandonment of this Application from
Default Account No. 36-2091

Respectfully submitted on behalf of
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